

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 27, 2009, Applicants submit corrected claims in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. The claims as presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-33, 35-38, and 40-73 are pending in this Application. Claims 1, 6, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 29 31, 38, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 61, and 63-73 are independent claims.

Compliance of Claims under 37 CFR § 1.121

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates that the Amendment to the claims submitted on June 10, 2009 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(i). In response, the following actions have been taken, in accordance with the suggestions provided by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Claims 35-37 have been corrected to remove “[34]” from the claims, as suggested by the Notice. Claims 40-42 have been corrected to remove “[39]” from the claims, as suggested by the Notice.

Claims 67, 69, 71, and 73 have been corrected to remove “[An]” from the claims, as suggested by the Notice.

Claims 3-5, 8-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26, 28, and 30 have been corrected to recite the word --The-- in place of the word “A,” as suggested by the Notice.

Claim 55 has been corrected to include a period at the end of the claim, as suggested by the Notice.

The claims have been reviewed for antecedent basis issues and corrected where appropriate, as suggested by the Notice.

The aforementioned corrections to the claims do not add new matter to the Application. Based upon the corrections, the claims comply with 37 CFR 1.121. Accordingly the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' Representative at the number below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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